

Middlesex Recreation Commission
1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846
Commission Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2015

Vice Chair Rich Rutkowski opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Commission members present:

Bob May
Rich Rutkowski
Lileen Schwarz
Rich Tarbous

Members Absent:

Glenn Dickey
Cassius Kennick
Sherley Penrose
Steve Greco, Council Liaison

Also present:

Dina Fornataro-Healey, Recreation Director
Mike Girvan, Assist. Recreation Director

Bob May made a motion to accept July 2015 minutes with a second by Rich Tarbous and approved by all members present.

Public Session:

1. Joann Miller – 856 Voorhees Avenue, requested her son be placed on the same soccer team as his friend due to shyness. Commission agreed on this request.
2. Kathy Gould – 214 Cooke Avenue, requested her son be placed on the same soccer team as his friend due a transportation problem. Commission agreed on this request

Directors Report

- Basketball permit request has been submitted to the schools for a clinic led by Jared Goldstein.
- The summer Happy Camper Club program ended on July 30th. All six weeks were sold out.
- PonyShare summer camp ran from July 13th-July 17th at Mt. View Park. Eight children participated.
- Soccer deadline was August 3rd. There are 245 children registered. The breakdown is as follows: Kindergarten: 55, 1st/2nd grade: 80, 3rd-5th grades: 67 and 6th-8th grades 43. Games will begin on September 12th.
- Men's Softball championship game was held on August 4th. The league is now over for the season.

- Last movie night in Mt. View Park was held on August 7th.
- MountainView Park's new entryway sign was installed. The old sign was lost during Super Storm Sandy. The map holder and info center was delivered. DPW will install as soon as possible.
- Summer Playground camp ended on August 7th. There are 90 children registered in the program. They went to iPlay America in Freehold on August 3rd and field day was on August 6th.
- Theatre Camp program had 12 children registered. They were in the Recreation Center from August 3rd – August 6th and were in the MHS auditorium on August 7th for their performance at 6:30pm.
- Yoga has 7 registered for the session. The participants will be notified that the session will begin some point in September when more individuals register.
- Toddler Playgroup, Toddler Fun Time and Kid Quest forms are on the Borough website. The programs will begin the week of September 14th.

Councilmatic report - No representative

Trust Account and Account details report

Motion to accept made by Rich Rutkowski pending the auditors' approval and seconded by Rich Tarbous. Roll call was taken with all Commissioners approving.

Commission Committee reports - No reports

Board of Education Report - No representative

Correspondence – None

Volunteer nomination – None

New Business - None

Old Business

1. Consideration has been asked to create soccer and basketball programs for high school students who wish to play while not on the high school teams. The fact is if Recreation is to expand and have more programs, such as this one for high school age residents, then additional full time help is required. Councilman Greco will advise the Mayor and Council about the need for more help
2. Council member Greco will follow up on a request to install a gate that can accommodate people with disabilities who wish to use the tennis or basketball courts. At this time the only way to access these areas is from either side of the courts by way of steps. Suggestion is to have it installed next to the existing large gates right of the parking lot. The Mayor is looking into this.
3. Recreation Director made a proposal for the men's and women's restrooms in the Recreation Center to be renovated. It would be completed in 2 phases. The

women's restroom to be completed in 2015 and the men's restroom to be completed in 2016. This proposal will be revisited.

4. Recreation Director would like to have the west side of the road in the back of MVP closed off to traffic on a permanent basis. With more use of the park, it is becoming a safety concern with children using the field on one side and the playground on the other. There is also more residents using the park to walk and ride bikes and traffic has become more of a concern. Commission directed the chair to write to the Mayor and Council explaining our position on this issue and asking for permanent closure of the road.
5. Buddy Ball program will continue under the guidance of Nadine Chemey and her husband while their daughter, Alaina, is away at college.

Seeing no other old or new business, Commissioner Rutkowski read a statement advising residents that the approved minutes will be available on the Borough Website within three working days of the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting will be posted on the Recreation Bulletin Board no later than 48 hours prior to the monthly meeting.

At 8:04 p.m., Commissioner Rich Rutkowski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Cassius Bob May.

Next Recreation Commission meeting will be September 14th, 2015, 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center.

Minutes submitted by
Linda Chicarelli, Rec-Commission Secretary